

In the Claims:

1-37. (Previously Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting a mirrored service, the method comprising:

determining if metric information is required for use by a configurable predetermined selection criteria to select a mirrored service;

selecting a service based on the predetermined selection criteria if no metric information is required; and

requesting metric information if metric information is required and selecting a mirrored service based on a predetermined criteria using the metric information.

39-43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) A system for selecting a mirrored service, the system comprising:

a distributed director operable to:

determine if metric information is required for use by a configurable predetermined selection criteria to select a mirrored service;

select a service based on the predetermined selection criteria if no metric information is required; and

request metric information if metric information is required and selecting a mirrored service based on a predetermined criteria using the metric information.

45-49. (Cancelled).

50. (Currently Amended) A distributed director comprising:
logic encoded in a computer readable media operable to:
determine if metric information is required for use by a configurable predetermined selection criteria to select a mirrored service;
select a service based on the predetermined selection criteria if no metric information is required; and
request metric information if metric information is required and selecting a mirrored service based on a predetermined criteria using the metric information.
51. (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a portion scheme.
52. (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises an administrative costs scheme.
53. (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a random scheme.
54. (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a round trip time scheme.
55. (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises an external metrics scheme.
56. (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises an internal metrics scheme.
57. (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a server metrics scheme.
58. (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a local preferences scheme.

59. (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a community attributes scheme.

60. (New) The method of Claim 38 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a BGP attribute scheme.

61. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a portion scheme.

62. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises an administrative costs scheme.

63. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a random scheme.

64. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a round trip time scheme.

65. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises an external metrics scheme.

66. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises an internal metrics scheme.

67. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a server metrics scheme.

68. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a local preferences scheme.

69. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a community attributes scheme.

70. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a BGP attribute scheme.

71. (New) The method of Claim 50 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a portion scheme.

72. (New) The method of Claim 50 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises an administrative costs scheme.

73. (New) The method of Claim 50 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a random scheme.

74. (New) The method of Claim 50 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a round trip time scheme.

77. (New) The method of Claim 50 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises an external metrics scheme.

76. (New) The method of Claim 50 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises an internal metrics scheme.

77. (New) The method of Claim 50 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a server metrics scheme.

78. (New) The method of Claim 50 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a local preferences scheme.

79. (New) The method of Claim 50 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a community attributes scheme.

80. (New) The method of Claim 50 wherein the predetermined selection criteria comprises a BGP attribute scheme.